



Nursing

Nursing is the practice in which nurses provide preventive and direct physical care to individuals, their families and community groups. Nursing care includes the diagnosis and treatment of human responses to actual and/or potential problems related to illness, as well as providing health education and emotional support. Subsequently, nursing is a profession that is considered both an art and a science. The science of nursing is based on theories of nursing and principles of behavioral and natural sciences. The characteristics of caring, communicating, commitment, advocacy and competence exemplify the art of nursing. Therefore, nursing education involves a strong foundation in the sciences, nursing, and general education courses.

Employment Opportunities

Nursing is practiced in many settings, providing endless opportunities. The most traditional role for nurses is caring for the sick or injured in hospitals, clinics, doctors' offices, homes, schools, factories and long-term care facilities. However, nurses can be found working collaboratively with others in all phases of business, using the latest technologies available. Nurse researchers work in all of these settings to discover new and better ways for providing nursing care. Nurse educators teach in colleges or universities. Career prospects include the following employers:

- Acute-care hospitals
- Long-term care facilities
- Chronic-care and rehabilitation facilities
- Armed forces
- City and county health departments
- Community health clinics
- Correctional facilities
- Health maintenance organizations (HMOs)
- Home healthcare agencies
- Industrial plants
- Private physicians' offices and clinics
- School districts
- Pharmaceutical companies
- Medical or healthcare equipment companies

- Travel-Nurse agencies
- Self-employed entrepreneurs
- Research laboratories
- Mall or sports facilities

Graduates of the nursing program at Youngstown State University are eligible to take the NCLEX exam to become an RN (registered nurse). An RN's starting salary, in the Youngstown area, is between \$48,000-\$50,000 per year. Nationally, the median annual salary for full-time RNs is \$52,810 (U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2004).

Degree Options

YSU's Department of Nursing offers several nursing programs. The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree program is a 4-year program preparing nurses for employment at the beginning professional level and for future graduate study. An RN-BSN completion program is for RNs, who are graduates of a diploma or associate degree program, to complete the requirements for a BSN. The school nurse licensure program is for RNs pursuing employment in the school setting. There are three specialty options for baccalaureate-educated RNs seeking a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) for advanced practice status. One option prepares nurses as a clinical nurse specialist in chronic illness care, the second option prepares nurses to become a nurse anesthetist, and the third option is for advanced-practice school nurses.

All undergrad students enter YSU as pre-nursing majors, complete a specific core of prerequisite courses, and then make application to the Department of Nursing for the nursing major. For the basic 4-year track, the pre-nursing core involves two semesters with the student being admitted into the major yearly during the fall semester of the sophomore year. RNs may be admitted into the RN-BSN completion program any semester depending on their previous academic record.

Accreditation

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing and the Master of Science in Nursing programs are accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, 61 Broadway, New York, NY, phone: 800-669-1656 (ext. 153).



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Telephone: (877) 468-6978 330-941-2000 TDD: 330-941-1564 Fax: 330-941-3674 E-mail: enroll@ysu.edu

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Facilities

Cushwa Hall is home to the nursing programs and houses classrooms, conference rooms, a Learning Resource Center, a Nursing Skills Laboratory and a computer laboratory for student use. Maag Library and its research databases and other electronic references are accessible by computer from the lab or your home. Nursing courses utilize healthcare facilities and community agencies throughout Mahoning, Trumbull, and Columbiana counties, providing students with excellent clinical experiences. Additionally, the campus provides facilities for numerous extra-curricular activities for fun and service. Several restaurants are on campus and its borders. Although many students commute, on-campus housing is available. Each student has many options to meet his/her needs both academically and socially.

Faculty

YSU is dedicated to outstanding teaching and fostering student-faculty relationships that enrich the learning environment.

The nursing faculty is well qualified in nursing and nurse education. All faculty members are involved in curriculum decisions, theory and clinical instruction, and student advisement. Faculty maintains office hours three days per week, ensuring availability for students.

Curriculum Overview

For the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree for non-RN students:

First Year (pre-nursing)

- Anatomy & Physiology 1, 2
- Chemistry 1, 2
- Life Span Development
- Mathematical Literacy

Second Year

- Microbiology
- Contemporary Nursing
- Pathophysiology
- Health Assessment
- Normal Nutrition
- Pharmacology
- Professional Nursing 1

Third Year

- Professional Nursing 2, 3
- Nursing in the Community
- Child Bearing & Women's Health Nursing
- Nursing Research

Fourth Year

- Complex Care
- Nursing Care of Children
- Mental Health Nursing
- Nursing Transitions
- Community Health Nursing
- Senior Capstone Seminar
- Comprehensive Nursing Summary

For the Bachelor of Science in Nursing for RN students:

Required courses

- Health Assessment
- Pathophysiology
- Pharmacology
- Contemporary Nursing for RNs
- Nursing Research
- Community Health Nursing for RNs
- Nursing Transitions for Registered Nurses
- Senior Capstone Seminar

For the school nurse licensure program:

Required courses

- School Nurse Role Development
- Assessment & Management of Health Problems of School Age Children
- Health Education Grades, PreK-3
- or** Health Education Grades, 4-6
- or** Health Education Grades, 7-12
- Education and Society
- Group Processes in the School
- Education of Exceptional Children
- or**
- Intervention Concepts & Strategies in Early Childhood Special Education
- School Nurse Practicum

Informational sheets regarding the basic BSN, and RN-BSN completion program, may be requested if not attached.

For information on any program or degree option, please contact the Department of Nursing at 330-941-3293.

For more information about this program, go to

<http://bchhs.yzu.edu/dn/dn.html>



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